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The Yellow Sheets

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Iris, unlabelled, 40 varieties 1. postpaid.

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Viola rafinesque, just beginning to appear 10¢ per doz. U. S. Department of Ag.

Bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*) saw first the other day 10¢ per doz.

Spring Beauties (*Claytonia virginica*) expect to find one soon.

Alum Root (*Heuchera americana*) attractive winter foliage

Wood Betony (*Pedicularis canadensis*) also called Lousewort; Fern like leaves dark red in early spring; yellow flowers on good stems for cutting; indifferent to soil but must have shade.

Partridgeberry (*Michelia repens*) popular Christmas decoration; hardy ground cover for shade too deep for grass; must have acid soil; fruit edible in winter.

Green Brier--- vine; stickery; nodules on roots grow quite large and are used in making pipes. Good goat forage.

Iris cristata blue and gold, best for ground cover.

Iris cristata, amethyst, best for rock and wall gardens. Neither Iris up yet, but soon will be.

Leather Breeches, have not learned the botanical name. Attractive foliage in very late winter; used by the Indians as a food plant. Lavender flowers on good stems in early summer.

Rattlesnake Weed, medicinal herb; esteemed by the Indians for treatment of poisoned wounds.

Ferns-- Christmas; Ebony Spleenwort; Resurrection; Blunt Lobed Woodsia

Red Tradescantia, so called from cold weather coloring of the leaves.

One of the native Spiderworts.

Three varieties of native Violets, blooming in succession.

Cultivated Violets--- White, early, good late winter bloomer in house

if you have a dependable ext. Mice crazy for the tiny buds.

Confederate Violets, grey effect; my favorite; can stand full sun;
Hemerocallis--- Ewanse; Fulva; and Flava.

Except where noted, all above plants 5¢ each. Postage paid on orders
of 50¢ and over. Less than that please add 5¢. Cash with order.

House plants----

Bryophyllum, very attractive blooms	10¢ each
Artillery Plant (Pileash)	" "
Pedilanthus, variegated leaves	" "
Melanchoe Chinese Temple	" "
Melanchoe, cannot identify further	" "
Melanchoe tubiflora	" "
Peanut Cactus	" "
Very dark red Wandering Jew	5¢ "
Green Wandering Jew white flowers	5¢ "
Dark variegated Wandering Jew	" "
Green and white Wandering Jew	" "

Hardy rock garden plants----

Opuntia vulgare (Prickly Pear) fruit edible.

" makes much larger plant; flowers yellow.

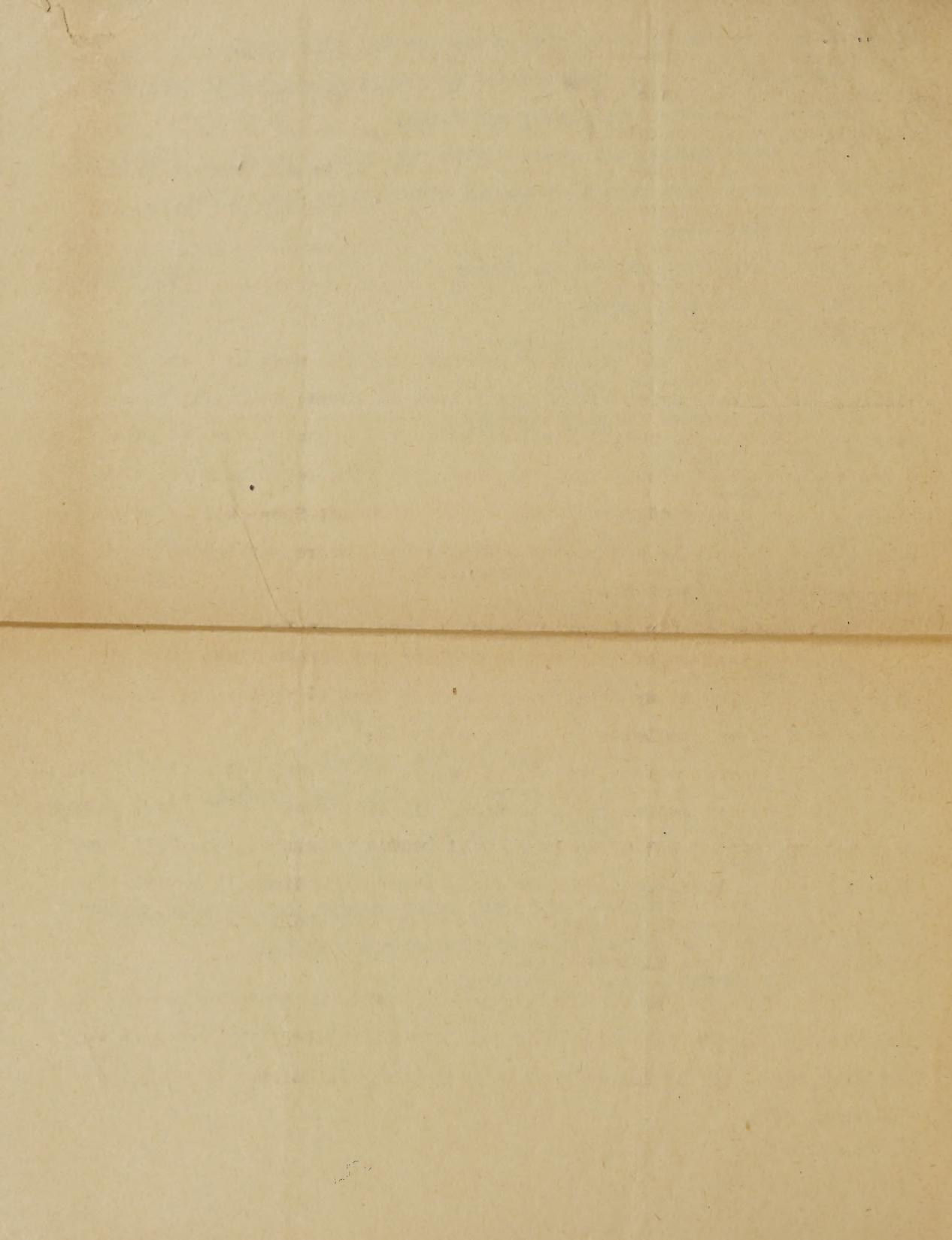
" makes thick pads; native to Colorado; pink flowers.

" Denossissima (good dog hedge).

" Cholla.

I have about 30 varieties of hardy Sempervivums, but am sold out of
all the "chicks." Not likely to have more before spring.

All rock garden plants 5¢ each.



Sedums in quantity--- *Sarmentosum*, very hardy; one sent me labelled *Glaucum*, much like *Album* but turns bronzy in winter; one sent me labelled *Fosteristum*, much like *Glaucum* but more open growth and at times showing more red; an unidentified grey green one at times showing attractive under color; *Acre*; *Sexangulare*; *Album*; *Maximowiczii*; two which are in dis ute among botanists who have seen them, some claiming that No. 26 is the rare pink flowered *Stoloneferum* and that No. 28 is *Stoloneferum coccinea*, others that both are *Spurium* hybrids.

Have only small quantities of *Kamchaticum*; one sent me labelled *Per-sifolia*, much like *Spurium* but bigger leaves at times; *Sieboldi*; *Spurium*; *Ellencombianum*; *Mexicanum*; *Reflexum*; *Reflexum minor*; a form of *Pulchellum*; a deciduous form of *Album*; *Ternatum*; one much like *Ternatum* but not quite; *Crested Purpureum*; *Middendorfianum*; *Lydium glaucum*; *Spectabile alba*; one much like a *Spectabile* but leaves variegated; *Lineare variegata*; and others not identified to about 50.

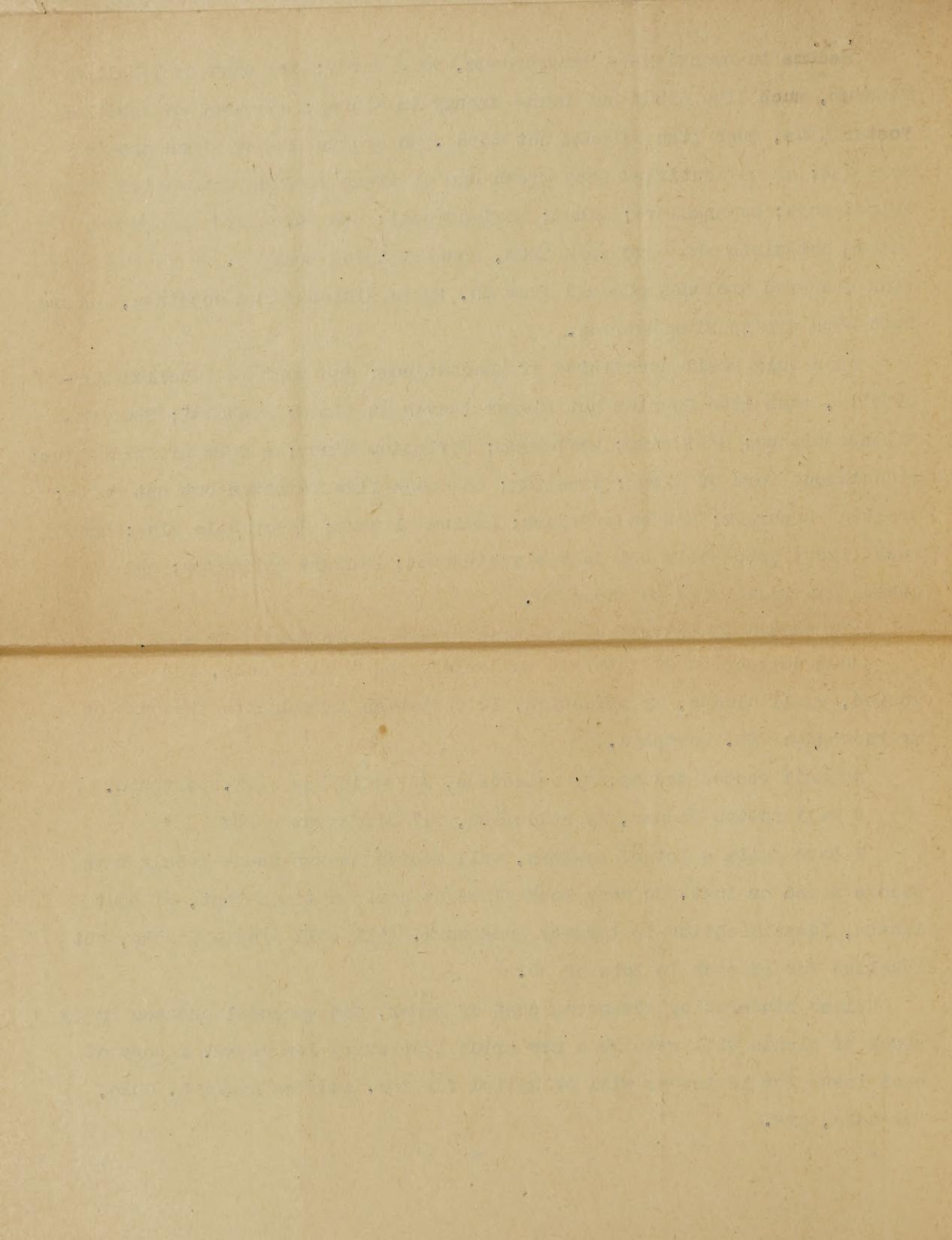
Well rooted plants of any of which I have a surplus 5¢ each.
Sedum collection of interest to dealers and Garden Clubs, 100 well rooted, small clumps, my selection, 10 varieties labelled to the best of my knowledge \$2. postpaid.

50 well rooted Sedums, my selection, 10 varieties \$1. postpaid.

7 well rooted Sedums, my selection, all different 25¢ "

I have quite a lot of healthy, well rooted Sedums whose labels have become mixed or lost. So many look alike at certain times that, without labels, identification is largely guesswork. Will sell single plants, not labelled for 1¢ each in lots of 25.

Unless hindered by advancing cost of paper, the seasonal changes in my stock of plants will require a new price list every few weeks. A copy of each issue for 12 issues will be mailed for 25¢. Address Laura D. Cole, Grannis, Ark.



Hand pieced, hand quilted quilts, your choice of color and pattern
\$12. each. You furnish material \$10. Mrs. M. V. Smith, Gillham, Ark.

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Notes for Victory.

"And saying, "Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsey, greivously tormented."

Jesus saith unto him, "I will come and heal him."

One of Jesus' most noticeable characteristics was His neighborliness. And this is one of the most practical ways in which we may walk in His steps--- just plain, old fashioned neighborliness, whether right around our door or across the seas.

Am listing some of the early spring flowers which are not yet available, but there is no telling how soon they will be. All depends upon the weather. So far, we have had a mild winter, but up to the middle of February, any kind of weather will be normal.

I have already made planting of Radishes and Beets right in a flower bed. They will be out of the way before the flowers need the room.

Leather Breeches and Rattlesnake Weed already up. I do not know their botanical names. The common name, Leather Breeches is a literal translation of the Indian name.

One of my uncles moved with his family to Arkansas in the early 1880's. He was a practicing physician of some repute in Missouri and felt no need to "put on dog." He was perfectly willing to meet Indian doctors in consultation and treated them as professional bretheren. As a result of this common sense courtesy, they imparted much Indian lore to him, and he felt a genuinely high regard for Indian learning. They used the bruised leaves of the Rattlesnake Weed as a first aid poultice for

poisoned wounds, such as Tarantula and Snake bites. They did not claim it as a cure, but solely as a first aid.

I have found no wildling which responds more freely to cultivation than the Spring Beauty. Especially suited to children's gardens. It is almost foolproof, fully satisfied with the catch-as-catch-can style of cultivation which children are likely to give. Found in half shade in the wild, it thrives and blooms freely in my garden in full sun, and the corms grow much larger. These corms were eaten by the Indians but I do not know the recipes.

Home gardeners have a big advantage in the production of food. We know that vegetables must obtain their food from the air and from the soil and we cannot get from them, the minerals they are supposed to supply unless they can get them from the ground. So long as farmers continue to be afflicted with political saviors, they can hardly afford the cost of complete fertilizers, applied in suitable quantities by the acre. Home gardeners can save all the leaves and bury them in the row, thus securing some of the minerals drawn from deep in the earth. Complete fertilizer will cost much less for the back yard garden than for the acre patch. Many of the worst scourges of mankind, as pellagra, scurvy, beri-beri and others are now known to be due to some deficiency in the diet. There is some grounds to suspect that cancer may be connected with a lack of some of the trace minerals. Plenty of complete fertilizer, combined with brains and elbow grease will go far as health insurance, as well as being fashionable.

If you are intending to plant Sweet Potatoes, better send a card to The Com. of Agriculture, Baton Rouge, La.; or Atlanta, Georgia; or Jacksonville, Florida, and ask to be placed on the mailing list of the free Market Bulletin. There is no other charge, Growers in those states offer Sweet Potato slips of excellent quality at reasonable prices, and there is much time saved in growing the crop--- a matter of importance where summers are short.

Back Yard Chickens for Old Ladies.

But if Time, Space, Strength and Money are all limited, by all means choose Bantams, especially if you want flowers also. My son had them and I know their merits. Beautiful as any of the purely fancy birds; good layers of small eggs (count 3 Bantam eggs to 2 common ones); meat of good flavor (cook more birds); easily kept in confinement; and the best cut worm exterminators I know of.

The Philo system is one of several good ones; ideally suited to the back yard fancier; and put out of fashion by it's own devotees who insisted that it was best for all climates and conditions. All bosh. There is no one best system; but for an old person raising chickens in her own back yard for fun and her own table, I strongly recommend a study of the Philo book and then use common sense.

Three square feet of floor space is needed for each 8lb. fowl of the big breeds developed for coop life: half that for Bantams. The smaller size makes the coop more easily handled. Hoe or spade your ground, move the coop over it and let them go to work. One breeding coop of 5 fowls and separate coops for each sitting hen and her brood, cleared our 26x100 ft. garden of cut worms in two years, and it was second year from pasture when they started. Table scraps make a big part of their feed but not all. Some regular poultry feed is needed for a balanced ration. But pound for pound, his Bantams produced eggs more cheaply than my Orpingtons.

He opened the coop each night, an hour before roosting time. They spent this period ~~while~~ policing the plants for insects. Chickens do no scratching at this hour if well fed. Coops can be made very ornamental if well built and artistically painted.

